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#### Northern Pass Threatens NH Economy

In his book, *Lost Landscapes and Failed Economies*, U. Montana economist, Thomas M. Power researched the effects of mining in Montana, and he details the same problems provoked by the Northern Pass Project in NH today. Forest lands were destroyed, neighborhoods and communities were uglified (my term), people who could afford to moved away, and the economy tanked.

Artists, writers, foresters, naturalists, builders, bikers, hikers, skiers, swimmers, craftspeople, musicians, and travelers are drawn to New Hampshire's pristine beauty. Many professionals take a cut in pay to raise their children or retire here. Vacationers are awed by our landscape, the relief of being able to breathe in fresh air, swim in clean lakes, bike our roads, hunt, fish, hike and ski our mountains, sightsee, and recharge.

Initially, it seemed that the I93 corridor, designed to include utility projects, would be a good fit. However, the current NP Project plans to destroy the very attractions that bring people to New Hampshire. NP has no intention of compensating people for landscapes, foundations, or the businesses they threaten to destroy if they are allowed to bury the line down our scenic roads. Once lines are buried, scenic routes will be in sorry shape, filled with failed businesses and denuded homes. The route NP leaves will be like a wave of mass destruction.

Power documented that when communities were robbed of their natural beauty, people stopped moving to Montana; those who could afford to moved away and left a struggling economy behind them. Tourists went elsewhere.

We are clearly at a crossroads here. The Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) has the power to save NH so that we can continue to enjoy our lifestyle and provide well for tourists who boost our economy. Or, the SEC can stick it to the people of NH with an ugly gash through the scenic towns and villages NH people have enjoyed creating and tourists hoped to visit.

If the NP was good for NH, the line would automaticly go down I93. If the NP is not good for NH, the NP Project will inflict the present plan on NH, stick NH residents with the bill, and a future lost economy.

Please do what is good for New Hampshire.

Thank you,  
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